

## Public Law 173

## CHAPTER 299

July 31, 1953  
[H. R. 5471]

## AN ACT

Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1954.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there are appropriated for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, out of (1) the general fund of the District of Columbia, hereinafter known as the general fund, such fund being composed of the revenues of the District of Columbia other than those applied by law to special funds, and \$11,000,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1953), (2) highway funds, established by law (D. C. Code, title 47, ch. 19), (3) the water fund, established by law (D. C. Code, title 43, ch. 15), and \$1,000,000, which is hereby appropriated for the purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated (to be advanced July 1, 1953), and (4) the motor vehicle parking fund, established by law (D. C. Code, title 40, ch. 8), sums as follows:

From the general fund: All sums appropriated under the following heads unless otherwise specifically provided: General administration, compensation and retirement fund expenses, District debt service, regulatory agencies, public schools, Public Library, Recreation Department, Metropolitan Police, Fire Department, Veterans' Services, Office of Civil Defense, courts, Health Department, Department of Corrections, public welfare, public works, National Guard, National Capital Parks, and National Zoological Park;

From the highway fund: All sums appropriated under public works designated as payable from the highway fund;

From the water fund: All sums appropriated under public works and Washington aqueduct, designated as payable from the water fund; and

From the motor vehicle parking fund: All sums appropriated under public works designated as payable from the motor vehicle parking fund.

## DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

66 Stat. 824.

The sums hereinafter specified for any office or agency abolished under the provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1952 are appropriated to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to enable the Commissioners to provide for performance of the functions heretofore assigned to any such office or agency. Such sums may be allocated by the Commissioners to offices, agencies, or other organizational units established by or pursuant to said plan, but shall be available only for the functions provided for herein, and only in the amounts respectively appropriated for such functions, namely:

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary for the offices named under this general head:

Executive office, plus so much as may be necessary to compensate the Engineer Commissioner at a rate equal to each civilian member of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, hereafter in this Act referred to as the Commissioners; compensation of members of the Apprenticeship Council and the Redevelopment Land Agency; aid in support of the National Conference of Commissioners

on Uniform State Laws; general advertising in newspapers and legal periodicals in the District of Columbia but not elsewhere, unless the need for advertising outside the District of Columbia shall have been specifically approved by the Commissioners, including notices of public hearings, publication of orders and regulations, tax and school notices, and notices of changes in regulations; revision of zoning regulations and building code by contract or otherwise, or by transfer to the National Capital Planning Commission, as may be determined by the Commissioners; and expenses in case of emergency, such as riot, pestilence, public insanitary conditions, flood, fire, or storm, and for expenses of investigations; \$418,161, of which \$195,000 is to remain available until June 30, 1955: *Provided*, That the certificate of the Commissioners shall be sufficient voucher for the expenditure of \$1,500 of this appropriation for such purposes as they may deem necessary.

Department of General Administration, including the rental of postage meters and affiliation with the National Safety Council, Incorporated, \$2,775,000, of which \$60,000 shall be payable from the highway fund, \$15,000 from the water fund, and \$800 from the motor vehicle parking fund: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for advertising, for not more than once a week for two weeks in the regular issue of one newspaper published in the District of Columbia, the list of all taxes on real property and all special assessments, together with penalties and costs, in arrears, the cost of such advertising to be reimbursed to the general fund by a charge to be fixed annually by the Commissioners for each lot or piece of property advertised: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for refunding, wholly or in part, school tuition, lost library books, building permits, and other payments which have been erroneously made during the present and past three years.

For ceremony expenses, \$10,000.

Office of the Corporation Counsel, including extra compensation for the corporation counsel as general counsel of the Public Utilities Commission; \$10,000 for the settlement of claims not in excess of \$250 each in accordance with the Act of February 11, 1929 (45 Stat. 1160), as amended by the Act of June 5, 1930 (46 Stat. 500); and judicial expenses, including witness fees and expert services, in District of Columbia cases before the courts of the United States and of the District of Columbia; \$360,000, of which \$12,000 shall be payable from the highway fund.

Claims.

D. C. Code 1-902.

## COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT FUND EXPENSES

For compensation and retirement fund expenses, as follows:

District government employees' compensation, \$223,000.

Workmen's compensation, administrative expenses: For transfer to the Bureau of Employees' Compensation for administration of the law providing compensation for disability or death resulting from injury to employees in certain employments in the District of Columbia, \$175,000.

District government retirement and relief funds: For financing the liability of the government of the District of Columbia to the "Civil service retirement and disability fund" and the "Teachers' retirement and annuity fund", and to provide relief and other allowances as authorized by law for policemen and firemen, \$8,823,000, of which \$2,430,000 shall be placed to the credit of the "Civil service retirement and disability fund": *Provided*, That hereafter the Treasury Department shall prepare the estimates of the annual appropriations required to be made to the teachers' retirement fund, and shall make actuarial valuations of such fund at intervals of five years, or oftener if deemed

necessary by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioners are authorized to expend from money to the credit of the "Teachers' retirement and annuity fund, District of Columbia" not exceeding \$5,000 per annum for this purpose, including personal services.

### DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE

D. C. Code 8-106  
note.

For reimbursement to the United States of funds loaned, in compliance with section 4 of the Act of May 29, 1930 (46 Stat. 482), as amended, \$500,000.

### REGULATORY AGENCIES

66 Stat. 376.

For expenses necessary for agencies under this general heading in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1953, and for Office of Administrator of Rent Control, including the purchase of samples, juror fees, repairs to the morgue, maintenance and repairs to markets, purchase of commodities and for personal services in connection with investigation and detection of sales of short weight and measure, uniforms and caps for guards, and uniforms for dog catchers; \$1,230,000, of which not less than \$23,340 shall be available for payment of terminal leave only for Office of Administrator of Rent Control.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

10 USC 914 a  
note.

5 USC 55a.

General administration, supervision and instruction: For expenses necessary for the administration of and supervision and instruction in the public school system of the District of Columbia including the education of foreigners of all ages in the Americanization schools; not to exceed \$65,000 for the purchase, cleaning, and repair of athletic apparel and accessories; subsistence supplies for pupils enrolled in classes for crippled children; maintenance and instruction of deaf, dumb and blind children of the District of Columbia by contract entered into by the Commissioners upon recommendation by the Board of Education of the District of Columbia; transportation of children attending schools or classes established for physically handicapped pupils; for carrying out the provisions of the Act of December 16, 1944 (58 Stat. 811); distribution of surplus commodities and relief milk to public and charitable institutions, and for the carrying out, under regulations to be prescribed by the Board of Education, of a "penny milk" program for the school children of the District, including the purchase and distribution of milk under agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture; \$19,730,000, of which \$3,000 shall be available for the services of experts and consultants as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 810), but at rates not exceeding \$50 per diem plus travel expenses for such individuals: *Provided*, That the compensation for summer school personnel may be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the pay periods end: *Provided further*, That collections from the milk program shall be paid to the Collector of Taxes, District of Columbia, for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District.

49 Stat. 1488.  
20 USC 15h-15q.

Vocational education, George-Barden program: For expenses necessary for the development of vocational education in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Act of June 8, 1936, as amended, \$268,400.

Operation and maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment: For expenses necessary for the operation, repair, maintenance and improvement of public school buildings, grounds and equipment; purchase of equipment including not to exceed \$25,000 for the purchase and repair of musical instruments and related equipment; and operation, repair, maintenance and insurance of passenger-carrying motor vehicles, including District-owned or borrowed passenger motor vehicles; \$5,025,000.

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY

Public school construction, sites and equipment: For the acquisition of sites; for plans and specifications for a new junior high school in the vicinity of Forty-second and Grant Streets Northeast, and the Van Ness Elementary School replacement, and for the construction of the following school buildings including building improvements and alterations, treatment of grounds, and the purchase of equipment: Douglass Junior High School (completion of third floor), elementary school in the vicinity of Fifty-sixth and East Capitol Streets, Northeast, elementary school in the vicinity of Stanton and Elvans Roads, Southeast, Syphax Elementary School addition, and Terrell Junior High School replacement (completion of fourth floor); to remain available until expended, \$3,189,000, of which \$217,419 shall be available for the use of the Municipal Architect and shall be credited to the appropriation account, "Office of Municipal Architect, construction services", and \$800,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1954.

Permanent improvement of public school buildings: For permanent improvements and alterations of public school buildings, including the purchase of equipment and the elimination of fire hazards, \$124,000, to remain available until expended.

Section 6 of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved May 10, 1916, as amended, shall not apply from July 1 to August 29, 1953, to teachers of the public schools of the District of Columbia when employed by any of the executive departments or independent establishments of the United States Government.

Double salaries.

39 Stat. 120.  
5 USC 58, 59.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

For expenses necessary for the operation of the Public Library, including extra services on Sundays and holidays; music records, sound recordings, and educational films; alterations, repairs; fitting up buildings; care of grounds; and rent of suitable quarters for branch libraries in Anacostia and Woodridge without reference to section 6 of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1945, \$1,535,000.

58 Stat. 532.  
D. C. Code 1-243.

Capital outlay: For remodeling reading room and for completing renovations in basement, Central Library, \$43,000, to remain available without fiscal year limitation.

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Operating expenses: For expenses necessary for operation and maintenance of recreation facilities in and for the District of Columbia, \$1,589,650.

Capital outlay: For improvement of various recreation units, including erection of recreation structures, preparation of architectural and landscape architectural plans without regard to the Act of August 24, 1912 (40 U. S. C. 68), and reimbursement to the United

37 Stat. 444.



50 USC app.  
1671.

States of funds advanced in compliance with section 501 of the Act of October 3, 1944 (58 Stat. 791), \$200,000.

### METROPOLITAN POLICE

For expenses necessary for the Metropolitan Police, including pay and allowances; the inspector in charge of the traffic division with the rank and pay of deputy chief; one captain who shall be assigned to the traffic division with the rank and pay of inspector; one inspector who shall be property clerk; the lieutenants in command of the homicide squad, robbery squad, general assignment squad, special investigation squad, with the rank and pay of captain while so assigned; the detective sergeants in command of the automobile and bicycle squad, and the check and fraud squad with the rank and pay of lieutenant while so assigned; the detective sergeant assigned as administrative assistant to the chief of detectives with the rank and pay of lieutenant while so assigned; the present acting sergeant in charge of police automobiles with the rank and pay of sergeant; the present sergeant in charge of the police radio station with the rank and pay of lieutenant; the present sergeant in charge of purchasing and accounts with the rank and pay of lieutenant; the lieutenant assigned as harbor master with the rank and pay of captain; not to exceed one detective in the salary grade of captain; civilian crossing guards, including uniforms and equipment, at rates of pay and hours of employment to be fixed by the Commissioners; compensation of civilian trial board members at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; allowances for privately owned automobiles used by inspectors in the performance of official duties at \$480 per annum for each automobile; meals for prisoners; rewards for fugitives; medals of award; photographs; rental, purchase, and maintenance of radio and teletype systems; travel expenses incurred in prevention and detection of crime; expenses of attendance, without loss of pay or time, at specialized police training classes and pistol matches, including tuition and entrance fees; expenses of the police training school, including travel expenses of visiting lecturers or experts in criminology; expenses of traffic school; police equipment and repairs to same; insignia of office, uniforms, and other official equipment, including cleaning, alteration, and repair of articles transferred from one individual to another, or damaged in the performance of duty; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; expenses of harbor patrol; and the maintenance of a suitable place for the reception and detention of girls and women over seventeen years of age, arrested by the police on charge of offense against any laws in force in the District of Columbia, or held as witnesses or held pending final investigation or examination, or otherwise; \$10,760,000, of which amount \$1,400,000 shall be payable from the highway fund and \$35,000 shall be exclusively available for expenditure by the Chief of Police for prevention and detection of crime, under his certificate, approved by the Commissioners and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the sum therein expressed to have been expended.

Traffic school.

Prevention and  
detection of crime.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and expenses: For expenses necessary for the Fire Department, including pay and allowances; the first deputy fire marshal with the rank and pay comparable to battalion chief; compensation of civilian trial board members at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; uniforms and other official equipment, including cleaning, alteration, and repair of articles transferred from one individual to another or

damaged in the performance of duty; purchase and maintenance of radio equipment; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; \$5,307,841: *Provided*, That the Commissioners, in their discretion may authorize the construction, in whole or in part, of fire-fighting apparatus in the Fire Department repair shop.

Capital outlay: For construction of a new fire engine house in the vicinity of Forty-ninth and East Capitol Streets, Southeast, including instruments for receiving alarms and connecting said house to the fire alarm system, \$240,000, to remain available until expended.

### VETERANS' SERVICES

For expenses necessary to provide services to veterans, \$90,000.

### OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE

For expenses necessary for the Office of Civil Defense, including personal services without reference to the civil service laws as related to recruitment, \$90,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$50,000 of any funds from appropriations available to the District of Columbia may be used to match financial contributions from the Federal Civil Defense Administration to the District of Columbia Office of Civil Defense for the purchase of civil defense equipment and supplies approved by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, when authorized by the Commissioners: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of existing law, the Administrator of Civil Defense is authorized to coordinate the activities of such office with those civil defense activities located outside the District of Columbia.

### COURTS

District of Columbia courts: For expenses of the Juvenile Court, the Municipal Court, the Municipal Court of Appeals, and the District of Columbia Tax Court, including pay of retired judges; lodging and meals for jurors, bailiffs, and deputy United States marshals while in attendance upon jurors, when ordered by the courts; and meals for prisoners; \$1,200,000, of which \$20,000 shall be available for payment to the United States Public Health Service for furnishing psychiatric service to the Juvenile Court, including the detail of necessary medical and other personnel: *Provided*, That deposits made on demands for jury trials in accordance with rules prescribed by the Municipal Court under authority granted in section 11 of the Act approved March 3, 1921 (41 Stat. 1312), shall be earned unless, prior to three days before the time set for such trials, including Sundays and legal holidays, a new date for trial be set by the court, cases be discontinued or settled, or demands for jury trials be waived.

United States courts: For reimbursement to the United States for services rendered to the District of Columbia by the Judiciary, General Services Administration, and the Department of Justice, \$1,780,000, of which \$230,000 shall be available for advances on reimbursement, to the General Services Administration for one-half of the cost of operation, maintenance, and repair of the Federal Courts Building, as provided in the Act of May 14, 1948 (62 Stat. 235).

D. C. Code 11-722.

D. C. Code 11-105.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

General administration, Health Department: For expenses necessary for the Health Department (excluding hospitals), including services for tuberculosis, venereal disease, hygiene and sanitation work in schools, dental health, maternal and child health, housekeeping assistance in cases of authentic indigent sick, handicapped and crippled children, cancer control, control of heart disease, public health engineering, nursing, psychiatry, ambulances, laboratories, and out-patient relief of the poor, including medical and surgical supplies, artificial limbs and appliances, eyeglasses, and fees to physicians under contracts to be made by the Director of Public Health and approved by the Commissioners; such expenses to include contract investigational service; uniforms; rent; manufacture of serum in indigent cases; and allowances for privately owned automobiles used for the performance of official duties by dairy-farm inspectors at the rate of 7 cents per mile but not more than \$840 per annum for each automobile; \$2,900,000: *Provided*, That amounts to be determined by the Commissioners may be expended for special services in detecting adulteration of drugs and foods, including candy and milk and other products and services subject to inspection by the Health Department.

Automobile al-  
lowances.

Special services.

Operating expenses, Glenn Dale Tuberculosis Sanatorium: For expenses necessary, including compensation of consulting physicians and dentists at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; compensation of convalescent patients to be employed in essential work of the sanatorium and as an aid to their rehabilitation at rates and under conditions to be determined by the Commissioners; but nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as conferring employee status on patients whose services are so utilized; classroom supplies; uniforms for guards; and repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; \$2,579,411.

Capital outlay, Glenn Dale Tuberculosis Sanatorium: For equipment installation for building housing high tension electrical distribution system, \$20,000.

Operating expenses, Gallinger Municipal Hospital and the Tuberculosis Hospital: For expenses necessary including expenses of the training school for nurses and repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds, \$5,835,000.

Capital outlay, Gallinger Municipal Hospital: For replacing boilers and roofs at the Tuberculosis Hospital at Fourteenth and Upshur Streets, Northwest, and converting present service elevator shafts in medical building to incinerator, \$75,700.

Medical charities: For care and treatment of indigent patients under contracts to be made by the Director of Public Health of the District of Columbia and approved by the Commissioners with institutions, as follows: Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital; Children's Hospital; Eastern Dispensary and Casualty Hospital; Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital; Garfield Memorial Hospital; George Washington University Hospital; Georgetown University Hospital; Providence Hospital; Washington Home for Incurables; and Children's Convalescent Home; \$770,000: *Provided*, That the in-patient rate shall not exceed \$13.44 per diem and the out-patient rate shall not exceed \$2 per visit.

Patient rates.

Freedmen's Hospital: For reimbursement to the United States for services rendered to the District of Columbia by Freedmen's Hospital, \$300,000: *Provided*, That the in-patient rate shall not exceed \$13.44 per diem and the out-patient rate shall not exceed \$2 per visit.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

**Operating expenses:** For expenses necessary for the Department of Corrections, including subsistence of interns; compensation of consulting physicians, dentists, and other specialists at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; attendance of guards at pistol and rifle matches; uniforms and other distinctive wearing apparel necessary for employees in the performance of their official duties; rental of motion picture films; repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; purchase of motorbusses; support, maintenance, and transportation of prisoners transferred from the District of Columbia; interment or transporting the remains of deceased prisoners to their relatives or friends in the United States; electrocutions; identifying, pursuing, recapturing (including rewards therefor), and returning to institutions, escaped inmates and parole and conditional-release violators; and returning released prisoners to their residences, or to such other place within the United States as may be authorized by the Director, and the furnishing of suitable clothing, and in the discretion of the Director, an amount of money not to exceed \$30, regardless of length of sentence; \$4,169,353.

**Capital outlay:** For completing the construction of operational control center building, construction of armory and entrance tower, and replacing oven, at the Reformatory; and beginning improvement of power distribution system at the Workhouse and Reformatory; \$135,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That in the construction work hereby authorized and to be done by the Department of Corrections, brick used in such construction shall be furnished without charge by the Working Capital Fund.

## PUBLIC WELFARE

For expenses necessary for the general administration of public welfare in the District of Columbia, including contract investigational services; \$99,724.

**Agency services:** For expenses necessary for certification of persons eligible for any public benefits which are or may become available as may be approved by the Commissioners; relief and rehabilitation for purposes of employment of indigent residents of the District of Columbia, to be expended under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioners or their designated agent or agency; vocational rehabilitation of disabled residents; aid to dependent children; assistance against old-age want; aid for needy blind persons; services for children in their own homes; maintenance pending transportation, and transportation, of indigent persons, including veterans and their families; deportation of nonresident insane persons, including persons held in the psychopathic ward of the Gallinger Municipal Hospital; burial of indigent residents of the District of Columbia; for placing and visiting children; board and care of all children committed to the guardianship of the Board of Public Welfare by the courts of the District, and all children accepted by said Board for care as authorized by law; temporary care of children pending investigation or while being transferred from place to place, with authority to pay for the care of children in institutions under sectarian control; for continuous maintenance of foster homes for temporary or emergency board and care of nondelinquent children; care and maintenance of women and children under contracts to be made by the Board of Public Welfare and approved by the Commissioners with the Florence Crittenton Home, Saint Ann's Infant Asylum and Maternity Hospital, the House of Mercy, and other institutions caring for unmarried mothers; and for burial of children dying while bene-



ficiaries under this appropriation; including repair and upkeep of building; \$4,610,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the purpose of visiting any ward of the Board of Public Welfare placed outside of the District of Columbia and the States of Virginia and Maryland, and a ward placed outside said District and the States of Virginia and Maryland shall be visited not less than once a year by a voluntary agent or correspondent of said Board, and said Board shall have power to discharge from guardianship any child committed to its care: *Provided further*, That employees using privately owned automobiles for the transportation of nonresident insane, the transportation of indigent persons, or the placing of children may be reimbursed as authorized by the Act of June 9, 1949 (63 Stat. 166), but not to exceed \$900 for any one individual.

5 USC 835 note.

Operating expenses, protective institutions: For expenses necessary for the operation of protective institutions, including the Temporary Home for Former Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines; maintenance, under jurisdiction of the Board of Public Welfare, of a suitable place in a building entirely separate and apart from the house of detention for the reception and detention of children under eighteen years of age arrested by the police on charge of offense against any laws in force in the District of Columbia or committed to the guardianship of the Board, or held as witnesses or held temporarily, or pending hearing, or otherwise, and male witnesses eighteen years of age or over shall be held at Gallinger Hospital; subsistence in lieu of salary for the full time employment of persons for the purpose of securing training and experience in their future vocation; compensation of consulting physicians and veterinarians at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners; repairs and improvements to buildings and grounds; securing suitable homes for paroled or discharged children; and care and maintenance of boys committed to the National Training School for Boys by the courts of the District of Columbia under a contract to be made by the Board of Public Welfare with the Attorney General at a rate of not to exceed the actual cost for each boy so committed; purchase of passenger motor vehicles; \$3,465,000: *Provided*, That hereafter the National Training School for Girls shall be known as the Industrial Home School for Colored Girls.

Industrial Home  
School for Colored  
Girls.

Capital outlay, protective institutions: For construction of permanent improvements to the Industrial Home School for Colored Children; furnishing and equipping the new infirmary at the Home for Aged and Infirm and the new Industrial Home School; construction of a new Industrial Home School for Colored Children near Laurel, Maryland, including utility services and improvements to grounds; \$4,024,000, of which \$78,750, together with the appropriation of \$86,000 for plans and specifications for an Industrial Home School for Colored Girls contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1953, shall be available for the use of the Municipal Architect and shall be credited to the appropriation account "Office of Municipal Architect, Construction Services", and \$2,800,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1954.

66 Stat. 382.

The appropriations for "Capital outlay, protective institutions", contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Acts, 1951 and 1952, shall be available for constructing such additional sewage disposal and treatment facilities at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, as may be necessary to provide for sewage from the District Training School and the Children's Center, under agreements to be entered into between the Commissioners and the Secretary of the Army.

64 Stat. 359; 65  
Stat. 163.

Saint Elizabeths Hospital: For support of indigent insane, \$9,480,000.

## PUBLIC WORKS

For expenses necessary for agencies named under this general head: Office of Municipal Architect, \$112,769, of which \$3,000 shall be exclusively for test borings and soil investigations.

All apportionments of appropriations for the use of the Office of Municipal Architect in payment of personal services employed on construction work provided for by said appropriations shall be based on an amount not exceeding 4 per centum of a total of not more than \$2,000,000 of appropriations made for such construction projects and not exceeding 3% per centum of a total of the appropriations in excess of \$2,000,000, and appropriations specifically made in this Act for the preparation of plans and specifications shall be deducted from any allowances authorized under this paragraph: *Provided*, That reimbursements may be made to this fund from appropriations contained in this Act for services rendered other activities of the District government, without reference to fiscal-year limitations on such appropriations: *Provided further*, That this fund shall be available for advance planning subject to subsequent reimbursement from funds loaned by the Administrator of General Services under the provisions of the Act of October 13, 1949 (63 Stat. 841).

Operating expenses, Office of Superintendent of District Buildings, including rental of postage meter equipment, uniforms and caps for guards and elevator operators, maintenance of public convenience stations, \$1,523,610, of which \$8,900 shall be payable from the highway fund.

Surveyor's office, \$149,634.

Department of Inspections, including the enforcement of the Act requiring the erection of fire escapes on certain buildings and the removal of dangerous or unsafe and insanitary buildings; compensation at rates to be fixed by the Commissioners of two members of the plumbing board, two members of the board of examiners, steam engineers (the inspector of boilers to serve without additional compensation), members of board of survey, other than the inspector of buildings, while actually employed in surveys of such dangerous and unsafe buildings, three members of board of special appeal, one member of motion-picture operators examining board, four members of electrical examining board, and two members of elevator examining board; \$882,900.

Operating expenses, Electrical Division: For expenses necessary for the operation and maintenance of the District's communication systems, including rental, purchase, installation, and maintenance of telephone, telegraph, and radio services; and street lighting, including the installation and maintenance of public lamps, lampposts, street designations, lanterns, and fixtures of all kinds on streets, avenues, roads, alleys, and public spaces, to be expended in accordance with the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1912 (36 Stat. 1008), and with the provisions of the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1913 (37 Stat. 181), and other laws applicable thereto; \$1,786,193, of which \$2,000 shall be payable from the highway fund.

Capital outlay, Electrical Division, including placing underground, relocating, and extending the telephone, police-patrol, and fire-alarm cable and circuit distribution systems; installing and extending radio systems; and purchase of lampposts, street designations, and fixtures of all kinds; \$220,000.

Central garage, including the purchase of passenger motor vehicles (including three for the Executive Office for replacement only, at not to exceed \$3,500 each), work cars, field wagons, ambulances, and

Basis of ap-  
portionment.

Reimbursements.

Advance plan-  
ning.

40 USC 451-458.

Fire escapes,  
etc.

D. C. Code 7-  
701 to 7-705.

D. C. Code 7-  
701.

Working fund.

busses, \$135,262: *Provided*, That the Commissioners are authorized to establish a working fund, which shall be available without fiscal-year limitation, for necessary expenses of maintenance and repair of vehicles of the government of the District of Columbia; and said fund shall be reimbursed, or credited in advance if required by the superintendent of the Central Garage and District Auto Repair Shop, for the costs of all work performed thereunder.

Municipal asphalt plant.

43 Stat. 108.  
D. C. Code 47-1910.

Operating expenses, Street and Bridge Divisions (payable from highway fund), including operation, minor construction, maintenance, and repair of bridges; repairs to streets, avenues, roads, sidewalks, and alleys; reconditioning existing gravel streets and roads; refunding collections erroneously covered into the Treasury to the credit of the highway fund during the present and past three fiscal years; such expenses to include purchase of passenger motor vehicles; \$2,775,000: *Provided*, That the Commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase and install a municipal asphalt plant including all auxiliary plant equipment to be paid for from this appropriation at a cost not to exceed \$150,000: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall not be available for refunds authorized by section 10 of the Act of April 23, 1924.

52 Stat. 633.  
23 USC 41b.

Capital outlay, Street and Bridge Divisions (payable from highway fund): For expenses necessary for the grading, surfacing, paving, repaving, widening, altering, purchase and installation of traffic lights, and otherwise improving streets, avenues, roads, and alleys, including curbing and gutters, directional and pedestrian islands at various intersections to permit of proper traffic-light control and channelization of traffic, drainage structures, culverts, suitable connections to storm-water sewer system, retaining walls, replacement and relocation of sewers, water mains, fire hydrants, traffic lights, street lights, fire-alarm boxes, police-patrol boxes, and curb-line trees, when necessary, Federal-aid highway projects under section 1 (b) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, and highway structure projects financed wholly from the highway fund upon the approval of plans for such structures by the Commissioners; for carrying out the provisions of existing laws which authorize the Commissioners to open, extend, straighten, or widen streets, avenues, roads, or highways, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia, and alleys and minor streets, and for the establishment of building lines in the District of Columbia, including the procurement of chains of title; and for assessment and permit work, paving of roadways under the permit system, and construction of sidewalks and curbs around public reservations and municipal and United States buildings, including purchase or condemnation of streets, roads, and alleys, and of areas less than two hundred and fifty square feet at the intersection of streets, avenues, or roads in the District of Columbia, to be selected by the Commissioners, \$7,706,000, to remain available until June 30, 1955, and the limit of cost of the bridge over the Anacostia River in the vicinity of East Capitol Street, as specified in the Act of June 2, 1950 (Public Law 534), is increased to \$16,000,000: *Provided*, That in connection with the purchase and installation of a municipal asphalt plant on District-owned property the Commissioners are authorized to make expenditures from this appropriation in an amount not exceeding \$150,000 for the preparation of the site, including the construction of sea walls, dock facilities, and a railroad siding: *Provided further*, That in connection with the highway-planning survey, involving surveys, plans, engineering, and economic investigations of projects for future construction in the District of Columbia, as provided for under section 10 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, and in connection with the construction of Federal-aid highway projects

64 Stat. 196.

52 Stat. 636; 53 Stat. 1066.

under section 1 (b) of said Act, and highway-structure projects financed wholly from the highway fund, this appropriation shall be available for the employment of engineering or other professional services by contract or otherwise, and without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes and the civil-service and classification laws, and section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), and for engineering and incidental expenses: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for the preparation of plans for a crossing of the Potomac River which will be inconsistent with the general plan for the development of Theodore Roosevelt Island adopted and approved under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved May 21, 1932 (47 Stat. 163): *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation or any appropriation heretofore made shall be used to defray the cost of any construction or relocation or removal of railroad track or tracks or the construction of any structure which will prevent continuous rail transportation by standard railroad equipment by and between the railroad tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the premises of the Benning plant of the Potomac Electric Power Company via the tracks of the East Washington Railway Company and the Capital Transit Company, except that nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the construction of an overpass at Deane Avenue in compliance with this proviso or to preclude temporary interruption of the railroad transportation service herein described when necessary to any construction on Kenilworth Avenue for which funds are appropriated herein or a relocation of such tracks which will permit such continuous railway transportation: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Street and Bridge Divisions, highway fund", shall be available for the construction and repair of pavements of street railways, in accordance with the provisions of the Merger Act (47 Stat. 752), and the proportion of the amount thus expended which under the terms of the said Act is required to be paid by the street-railway company shall be collected, upon the neglect or the refusal of such street-railway company to make such payment, from the said street-railway company in the manner provided by section 5 of the Act of June 11, 1878, and shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is collected: *Provided further*, That in connection with projects to be undertaken as Federal-aid projects under the provisions of the Federal Aid Highway Act of December 20, 1944, as amended, the Commissioners are authorized to enter into contract or contracts for those projects in such amounts as shall be approved by the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are hereby authorized to construct grade-crossing elimination and other construction projects authorized under section 8 of the Act of June 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1521), and section 1 (b) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1938, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of said Acts, and this appropriation may be used for payment to contractors and other expenses in connection with the expenses of design, construction, and inspection pending reimbursement to the District of Columbia by the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, reimbursement to be credited to the appropriation from which payment was made: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized to fix or alter the respective widths of sidewalks and roadways (including tree spaces and parking) of all highways that may be improved under appropriations contained in this Act: *Provided further*, That no appropriation in this Act shall be available for repairing, resurfacing, or paving any street, avenue, or roadway by private contract unless the specifications for such work shall be so prepared as to permit of fair and open competition in

52 Stat. 633.  
23 USC 41b.

41 USC 5.  
60 Stat. 810.

D. C. Code 8-  
164.

D. C. Code 7-  
604 note.

20 Stat. 106.  
D. C. Code 7-  
604.

58 Stat. 838.  
23 USC 60-63.

23 USC 24a.  
23 USC 41b.

Widths of side-  
walks and road-  
ways.



paving materials as well as in price: *Provided further*, That in addition to the provision of existing law requiring contractors to keep new pavements in repair for a period of one year from the date of the completion of the work, the Commissioners shall further require that where repairs are necessary during the four years following the said one-year period, due to inferior work or defective materials, such repairs shall be made at the expense of the contractor, and the bond furnished by the contractor shall be liable for such expense: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and the appropriation "Operating expenses, Street and Bridge Divisions," shall be available for advance payments to Federal agencies for work to be performed, when ordered by the Commissioners, subject to subsequent adjustment.

Vehicles and  
traffic.

Department of Vehicles and Traffic (payable from highway fund), including purchase, installation, modification, operation, and maintenance of electric traffic lights, signals, controls, markers, and directional signs; purchase of motor-vehicle identification number plates; installation, operation, and maintenance of parking meters in the District of Columbia; \$20,000 for traffic safety education without reference to any other law; \$200 for membership in the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; and uniforms for motor vehicle inspectors and permit examiners; \$1,248,213: *Provided*, That no part of this or any other appropriation contained in this Act shall be expended for building, installing, and maintaining streetcar loading platforms and lights of any description employed to distinguish same, except that a permanent type of platform may be constructed from appropriations contained in this Act for street improvements when plans and locations thereof are approved by the Public Utilities Commission and the Director of Vehicles and Traffic and the street-railway company shall after construction maintain, mark, and light the same at its expense: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized and empowered to pay the purchase price and the cost of installation of new parking meters or devices from fees collected from such new meters or devices, which fees are hereby appropriated for such purpose, until such time as contracts of purchase have been paid, and thereafter such new meters or devices shall become the property of the government of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the Commissioners are authorized and directed to designate, reserve, and properly mark appropriate and sufficient parking spaces on the streets adjacent to all public buildings in the District for the use of Members of Congress engaged on public business: *Provided further*, That the incumbent on July 1, 1944, of the authorized position of Registrar of Titles and Tags, whose duties shall be as prescribed in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1945, shall hereafter be continued for compensation purposes in grade 9 of the general schedule under the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

58 Stat. 527.  
D. C. Code 40-  
603a.  
63 Stat. 954.  
5 USC 1071 note.

Division of Trees and Parking (payable from highway fund), \$362,575.

Motor-Vehicle Parking Agency (payable from motor-vehicle parking fund), \$130,406.

Operating expenses, Division of Sanitation: For expenses necessary for collection and disposal of refuse and street cleaning, including repair and maintenance of plants, buildings, and grounds; and fencing of public and private property designated by the Commissioners as public dumps; \$4,574,933, of which \$99,000 shall be payable from the highway fund for cleaning snow and ice from streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and gutters, in the discretion of the Commissioners: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for collecting ashes or miscellaneous refuse from hotels and places of business or from apartment houses of four or more apartments having a central

Collection of  
refuse from hotels,  
etc.

heating system, or from any building or connected group of buildings operated as a rooming, boarding, or lodging house having a total of more than twenty-five rooms.

Capital outlay, Division of Sanitation (liquidation of contract authorization): For liquidation of obligations incurred pursuant to authority heretofore granted to enter into contracts for construction of incinerator numbered 3, \$1,500,000.

Operating expenses, Sewer Division, including cleaning and repairing sewers and basins; operation and maintenance of the sewage pumping service and sewage-treatment plant, including repairs to equipment, machinery, and structures; control and prevention of the spread of mosquitoes in the District of Columbia; and for contribution of the District of Columbia to the expenses of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; \$1,605,458.

Capital outlay, Sewer Division: For construction of sewers and receiving basins; for assessment and permit work; for purchase or condemnation of rights-of-way for construction, maintenance, and repair of public sewers; for continuing construction on aeration plant and secondary sedimentation tanks at the Sewage Treatment Plant; and for completing construction on sludge drying and sewage chlorination facilities at the Sewage Treatment Plant; to remain available until expended, \$5,675,000, of which \$1,330,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1954.

Operating expenses, Water Division (payable from water fund): For expenses necessary for operation and maintenance of the District of Columbia water distribution system; installing and repairing water meters on services to private residences and business places as may not be required to install meters under existing regulations, said meters to remain the property of the District of Columbia; replacement of old mains, service pipes, and divide valves, and repair of reservoirs; water waste and leakage survey; such expenses to include purchase of passenger motor vehicles; purchase and replacement of uniforms for water meter inspectors; and refunding of water rents and other water charges erroneously paid in the District of Columbia, to be refunded in the manner prescribed by law for the refunding of erroneously paid taxes; \$2,485,000, to be available for such refunds of payments made within the present and past three years.

Capital outlay: Water Division (payable from water fund): For extension of the District of Columbia water-distribution system; laying of such service mains as may be necessary under the assessment system; laying mains in advance of paving and installing fire and public hydrants; constructing trunk water mains; and pumping facilities at the Anacostia pumping station; \$1,565,000, of which not to exceed \$810,000 for trunk water mains, and \$120,000 for pumping facilities at the Anacostia pumping station shall remain available until expended.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to sell United States securities now held for and on account of the water fund of the District of Columbia in such amounts as may be certified by the Commissioners as necessary and credit the proceeds of such sale to said water fund.

#### WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT

Operating expenses (payable from water fund): For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, repair, and protection of Washington water supply facilities and their accessories, and maintenance of MacArthur Boulevard; including replacement and maintenance of water meters on Federal services; purchase of two passenger motor vehicles; and fluoridation of water, \$2,000,000: *Provided,*

Sewage Treatment Plant.

Meters on Federal services.

That transfer of appropriations for operating expenses and capital outlay may be made between the Water Division of the District of Columbia and the Washington Aqueduct upon mutual agreement of the Commissioners and the Secretary of the Army.

Little Falls  
pumping station,  
etc.

60 Stat. 810.

64 Stat. 195.

Capital outlay (payable from water fund) : For continuing construction of Little Falls pumping station, dam and rising tunnel; construction of third high reservoir at Reno (first half) ; miscellaneous betterments, replacements, and engineering planning, including continuing raw-water conduit rehabilitation, continuing repairs to culverts and bridges, MacArthur Boulevard, hydroelectric station improvements, cathodic protection of flocculators at Dalecarlia, auxiliary raw-water supply to Dalecarlia filters, ramp replacement into the McMillan slow sand filters, replacement of roof over Dalecarlia filtration plant, and utility relocations and plant and system rearrangements of interconnections; acquisition by gift, exchange, purchase, or condemnation of supplementary land; and for developing increased water supply for the District of Columbia and environs in accordance with House Document 480, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session; and necessary expenses incident thereto; including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), but at rates for individual consultants not in excess of \$150 per diem; to remain available until expended, \$4,300,000, of which \$1,988,000 shall not become available for expenditure until July 1, 1954; and of the total amount appropriated \$4,000,000 is appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be advanced by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 2, 1950 (Public Law 533, Eighty-first Congress).

Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the superintendence and control of the Secretary of the Army over the Washington Aqueduct, its rights, appurtenances, and fixtures connected with the same, and over appropriations and expenditures therefor as now provided by law.

#### NATIONAL GUARD

For expenses necessary for the National Guard of the District of Columbia, including attendance at meetings of associations pertaining to the National Guard; expenses of camps, and for the payment of commutation of subsistence for enlisted men who may be detailed to guard or move the United States property at home stations on days immediately preceding and immediately following the annual encampments; reimbursement to the United States for loss of property for which the District of Columbia may be held responsible; cleaning and repairing uniforms, arms, and equipment; instruction, purchase, and maintenance of athletic, gymnastic, and recreational equipment at armory or field encampments; practice marches, drills, and parades; rents of armories, drill halls, and storehouses; care and repair of armories, offices, storehouses, machinery, and dock, including dredging alongside of dock; alterations and additions to present structures; construction of buildings for storage and other purposes; \$115,000.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS

For expenses necessary for the National Capital Parks, including maintenance, care, and improvement of public parks, grounds, fountains, and reservations, propagating gardens and greenhouses, and the tourists' camp on its present site in East Potomac Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service; placing and maintaining portions of the parks in condition for outdoor sports, erection of stands, furnishing and placing of chairs, and services incident thereto

in connection with national, patriotic, civic, and recreational functions held in the parks, including the President's Cup Regatta, and expenses incident to the conducting of band concerts in the parks; such expenses to include pay and allowances of the United States Park Police force; per diem employees at rates of pay approved by the Secretary of the Interior, not exceeding current rates of pay for similar employment in the District of Columbia; uniforming and equipping the United States Park Police force; the purchase, issue, operation, maintenance, repair, exchange, and storage of revolvers, uniforms, ammunition, and radio equipment and the rental of teletype service; and the purchase of passenger motor vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles, and self-propelled machinery; the hire of draft animals with or without drivers at local rates approved by the Secretary of the Interior; the purchase and maintenance of draft animals, harness, and wagons; \$2,078,500, of which \$25,000 shall be payable from the highway fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,000 of the amount herein appropriated may be expended for the erection of minor auxiliary structures: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under or transferred to this head for services rendered by the National Park Service shall be expended by expenditure warrant as an advance to said service and shall be credited as a repayment and maintained in a special account. The amounts so advanced will be available for the objects specified herein or in the appropriation from which such funds are transferred, any unexpended balance to be returned to the appropriation concerned not later than two full fiscal years after the close of the current fiscal year.

#### NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

For expenses necessary for the National Zoological Park, including erecting and repairing buildings; care and improvement of grounds; travel, including travel for the procurement of live specimens; purchase, care, and transportation of specimens; purchase of motorcycles and passenger motor vehicles; revolvers and ammunition; purchase of uniforms and equipment for police, and uniforms for keepers and assistant keepers; \$625,000: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this head shall be expended by expenditure warrant as an advance to the National Zoological Park and shall be credited as a repayment and maintained in a special account. The amounts so advanced will be available for the objects herein specified, any unexpended balance to be returned to this appropriation not later than two full fiscal years after the close of the current fiscal year.

Capital outlay, National Zoological Park: For the installation of a steam line from the central heating plant to the birdhouse, \$35,000.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all vouchers covering expenditures of appropriations contained in this Act shall be audited before payment by or under the jurisdiction only of the accounting officer for the District of Columbia and the vouchers as approved shall be paid by checks issued by the Disbursing Officer without countersignature.

Vouchers.

SEC. 3. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who advocates, or is a member of an organization

Strikes or overthrow of Government.



Affidavit.

that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Penalty.

Maximum amount.

SEC. 4. Whenever in this Act an amount is specified within an appropriation for particular purposes or object of expenditure, such amount, unless otherwise specified, shall be considered as the maximum amount which may be expended for said purpose or object rather than an amount set apart exclusively therefor.

Repairs and improvements.

SEC. 5. Work performed for repairs and improvements under appropriations contained in this Act may be by contract or otherwise, as determined by the Commissioners; and the Commissioners are authorized to establish a working fund for such purposes without fiscal year limitation, said fund to be reimbursed for repairs and improvements performed under that fund from available appropriations contained in this Act, and payments are authorized to be made to said fund in advance if required by the Director of Construction, subject to subsequent adjustment, from appropriations contained in this Act for repairs and improvements, and such working fund shall be available for necessary expenses including allowances for privately owned automobiles.

Automobile allowance.

SEC. 6. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized or approved by the Commissioners, for allowances for privately owned automobiles used for the performance of official duties at 7 cents per mile but not to exceed \$22 a month for each automobile, unless otherwise therein specifically provided: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed \$62,000, excluding the automobile allowances for the deportation of nonresident insane, the transportation of indigent persons, and the placing of children by the Board of Public Welfare.

Attendance at meetings.

SEC. 7. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for the payment of dues and expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work of the District of Columbia government, when authorized by the Commissioners: *Provided*, That the total expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed \$20,000.

Investment in U.S. securities.

SEC. 8. The Commissioners are hereby authorized in their discretion to invest and reinvest at any time in United States Government securities, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, any part of the general fund, highway fund, water fund, motor vehicle

parking fund, or trust funds, of the District of Columbia, not needed to meet current expenses, to deposit the interest accruing from such investments to the credit of the fund from which the investment was made, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to sell or exchange such securities for other Government securities, and deposit the proceeds to the credit of the appropriate fund.

SEC. 9. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for personal services and, when authorized by the Commissioners or by the purchasing officer and the accounting officer, acting for the Commissioners, printing and binding may be performed by the District of Columbia Division of Printing and Publications without reference to fiscal-year limitations.

Personal services; printing and binding.

SEC. 10. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized by the Commissioners, for services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a).

60 Stat. 810.  
Advances of money.

SEC. 11. The disbursing officer of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance to officials upon requisitions previously approved by the accounting officer of the District of Columbia, not to exceed at any one time sums of money as follows:

Director of Weights, Measures, and Markets, \$400, to be used exclusively in connection with investigation of short weights and measures;

Librarian of the Public Library, \$50 at the first of each month, for the purchase of certain books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, or other printed materials;

Superintendent of recreation, \$4,000, to be used for the expense of conducting activities of the Recreation Board under the trust fund created by the Act of April 29, 1942 (56 Stat. 261);

D. C. Code 8-211.

Superintendent of Police, \$5,000, to be used in the prevention and detection of crime;

Chief probation officer of the juvenile court, \$50, upon requisition previously approved by the judge of the juvenile court, to be expended for travel expenses to secure the return of absconding probationers;

Director, Department of Corrections, \$1,000, to be used only in returning escaped prisoners, conditional releasees, parolees, and for the payment of cash gratuities to prisoners on release;

Director of Public Welfare, \$2,000, to be used for placing and visiting children, returning parolees and wards of the Board of Public Welfare, and deportation of non-resident insane and indigent persons including maintenance pending transportation;

Superintendent of Schools, \$1,000, which shall be used in connection with the central food services.

Restrictions.

SEC. 12. Appropriations in this Act shall not be used for or in connection with the preparation, issuance, publication, or enforcement of any regulation or order of the Public Utilities Commission requiring the installation of meters in taxicabs, or for or in connection with the licensing of any vehicle to be operated as a taxicab except for operation in accordance with such system of uniform zones and rates and regulations applicable thereto as shall have been prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission.

SEC. 13. Appropriations in this Act shall not be available for the payment of rates for electric street lighting in excess of those authorized to be paid in the fiscal year 1927, and payment for electric current for new forms of street lighting shall not exceed 2 cents per kilowatt-hour for current consumed.

Electric street lighting.

SEC. 14. All motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles (including watercraft) owned by the District of Columbia shall be operated and utilized in conformity with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 77, 78), and shall be under the direction and control

Passenger vehicles.

60 Stat. 810.

- of the Commissioners, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration or interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" shall not apply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the Commissioners. No motor vehicles shall be transferred from the police or fire departments to any other branch of the government of the District of Columbia.
- Restriction.** **Snow removal.** SEC. 15. Appropriations contained in this Act for highways, sewers, Division of Sanitation, and the Water Division shall be available for snow removal when ordered by the Commissioners in writing.
- 66 Stat. 826. SEC. 16. The authority of the Commissioners to establish agencies and offices in the government of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 4 of Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1952, and to effect transfers of unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds pursuant to section 5 of said Plan, shall not extend beyond June 30, 1954.
- Balances. Consolidation.** SEC. 17. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to consolidate under appropriate current account titles the unexpended balances of such unexpired District of Columbia capital outlay appropriations of prior years as may be requested by the Commissioners.
- Recission.** SEC. 18. The balances of all general-fund and water-fund contract authorizations heretofore granted to the Commissioners which remain unobligated on June 30, 1954, are rescinded.
- Department of Sanitary Engineering. Operating expenses.** SEC. 19. Operating expenses of the Department of Sanitary Engineering properly chargeable to two or more appropriations available to that Department may be charged initially to an appropriate fiscal year account which is hereby authorized to be established. Advances shall be made to this account in such amounts as determined necessary by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from appropriations available to the Department of Sanitary Engineering. All charges to this account shall be distributed at least monthly to the applicable appropriations.
- Short title.** SEC. 20. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1954."
- Approved July 31, 1953.

## Public Law 174

## CHAPTER 300

## AN ACT

July 31, 1953  
[S. 2078]

To provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death, incapacity, or separation from office of a disbursing officer of the military department.

**Armed Forces. Disbursing officers.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of the death, incapacity, or separation from office of a disbursing officer of any of the military departments the accounts of such disbursing officer may be continued and payments made in his name by his deputy disbursing officer for a period of time not to extend beyond the last day of the second month following the month in which such death, incapacity or separation shall occur. Such accounts and payments shall be allowed, audited, and settled in the manner prescribed by law; and the checks signed in the name of the former disbursing officer